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Collectors' Notices. Mr. W. D. DAVENPORT, New York City, has been appointed collector of the Maine Farmer. Mr. W. D. DAVENPORT, New York City, has been appointed collector of the Maine Farmer.

Dear Hay and Chop Corn. It is an old proverb that there are three ways to get rich: by the sword, by the sea, and by the soil.

A comparison shows that hay is some twenty-five to thirty per cent. higher in August than last year. In New York the best grades are thirty per cent. higher than in 1870; the second to twenty-five per cent. higher than in 1869; and the third to twenty per cent. higher than in 1868.

A glance now at the record of the corn market shows that prices have not been so low for the past eight years as they are now. The highest quotations during that period were in 1864 and '65 when the price of the No. 1 ear of corn was reached for mixed Western corn.

The figures in New York may be somewhat influenced by lack of facilities for shipment abroad; but the general movement of lower prices indicates the probability of abundant corn during the coming year, and prices perhaps even lower than now. The importance of the matter to everybody in Maine who has animals to winter is evidently great.

THE SEASON'S METEORITE. Since our outside form was made up, we have received the August number of the American Journal of Science and Arts, which contains a notice of the meteoric stone which fell at Seaboard, Mass. last year, from the pen of Prof. Charles Upham Shepard of Amherst College. In addition to the information already given in our leading article, we present the following from Mr. Shepard's paper. The report of this meteorite was heard in Warren, twelve miles to the southwest from where it fell, which was like a hissing of steam, and no report was heard at Seaboard village, three miles to the northeast. The shape of the original mass was somewhat oval and subcubic, with a flattened base. The color was a brownish black, the upper surface being a brownish black without lustre. The thickness of the rock is said by Prof. Shepard to be more than double that of any similar stone ever examined by him. More than a half the stone is in the form of rounded grains of the size rarely exceeding mustard seeds. A microscopic examination proves it to be quite porous. Minute particles of meteoric iron are thickly scattered through the mass. In general character it approaches most nearly the remarkable meteorites of Quenzou, India, that fell Dec. 27th, 1859. In form it closely resembles the famous Duralla (India) stone of 1815, now preserved in the British Museum.

Advises from Toronto, Canada, say that the crops, which gave but little promise at first, are now excellent, and there is reason to believe that the general yield will be above an average. Fall wheat throughout is a fine crop, and though the spring crops are not so good as they might be, the weather of late has done much to bring them forward rapidly. A short dry crop was expected, but the yield is very large. The breadth of grain now in the field is very large, but probably not more than will make up the deficiency of last year, which is said to have been 1,500,000 bushels. Last year grain had to be imported from Chicago.

Major Whittemore, says the Portland Transcript, who editor recently visited the U. S. Arsenal in this city, "now busy perfecting a breech-loading rifle, which reduces to a minimum the motions required in loading and discharging. It does away with two or three of the five motions required in operating the best breech-loaders now in use, and it would seem as if inventive genius could go no farther in the perfection of the rifle. Major Whittemore comes honestly by his mechanical skill, as he is a grandson of Amos Whittemore who in 1797 invented the machine to make cotton and wool cards, which had so much to do in bringing to life the manufacturing industries of the country. His father also was an inventor.

A fire broke out Tuesday afternoon in the wooden hospital building on the Arsenal Grounds, caused by a defect in the chimney, but was speedily extinguished by the efforts of Maj. Whittemore and his men, aided by members of the city fire department who promptly responded with their engines and hose.

The decrease of the public debt during the month of July is shown in the official statement of the Secretary of the Treasury, at \$3,701,978.

NEW YORK CITY GOVERNMENT ILLUSTRATED. Few well informed persons have doubted for many months past that the ring that has now the possession of the government of the city of New York, was carrying on a series of stupendous frauds. For two years and a half, in spite of the requirements of law, they have refused to publish any statement of the manner in which they have used the vast sum of money raised by taxation.

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Letter from the Seaside.

SALMON HEAD, July 1871.

We could wish each one of our readers to better fortify for this hot July weather, than to have a tent pitched on one of the grassy knolls at the west end of the long beach that stretches along the whole southern front of Phippsburg. Perhaps there is not a point on the whole coast of Maine that presents a more desirable combination of the desiderata of a seaside resort.

It is not perfect, to be sure, but perfection is not attained anywhere. There are broad commands, among other things, these: a broad outlook upon the open sea; a smooth, hard, sandy beach, upon which the surf breaks; rocky shore also adjacent; golfing facilities for testing the smooth water and in the open sea; freedom from mosquitoes; ease of access. Small Point offers in respect to bathing facilities, mosquitoes and means of access; but in other respects is unobjectionable. Most of our seaside resorts are faulty in more essential elements.

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A REMARKABLE RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

It having been decided to change the gauge of the Maine and Ohio Railroad, a line 340 miles long, the work was recently accomplished in the extraordinary short time of about two months.

The operation consisted in the removal of both rails, each being moved seven and a half inches, so as to reduce the gauge from six feet to five feet nine inches. A force of 2720 men were employed in the work. The work was divided into thirty-eight sections of five miles each, and at daybreak on Sunday the work commenced.

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Items of Maine News.

The post-office at Waldoboro' has been made a money order office, and will commence business on Monday next.

The Gardiner Journal states that Miles Standish of Dead River, Plagat, cut eighty tons of hay on forty acres of land this year. How is that for drought?

A. S. Chandler of Columbia Falls, Maine, to his death was suddenly taken by lightning, while he was engaged in clearing a field in the woods near his residence. He was struck by a lightning bolt while he was engaged in clearing a field in the woods near his residence.

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A meeting of the delegates from nearly all the Agricultural Societies in the State will be held at Waterville, Me., on the 10th inst., for the purpose of organizing an Agricultural Congress.

Neel Myers and Lewis Coppeland, negroes, were hung at Waterville, N. C., last Friday for the murder of James W. Hadden, a citizen of that place last May.

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The Markets.

Special Report to the Maine Farmer via International Telegraph Company.

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At the Convention held last week in Portland, in the interest of the Portland, Rockland, Orono and Bangor Railway, Hon. Hannibal Hamlin in his speech on the occasion, explained the objects of the bill introduced by him in the United States Senate on the 19th of January last in aid of the project.

It provides for a contract by the Postmaster General with the P. R. O. and C. Railway Co., to construct and maintain a double-track line of railway, with an adequate passenger and freight service, and to construct and maintain a double-track line of railway, with an adequate passenger and freight service.

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